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¶1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public internet.

¶2. (SBU) As requested in reftel, the request for observer status was delivered to the Central Asian Information and Coordination Center (CARICC) via the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Almaty on August 21. UNODC's Senior CARICC Coordinator and CARICC National Project Officer received the letter and discussed the scheduling for the inauguration of CARICC, which was originally scheduled for September 9 and 10. Though an official postponement has not been announced by the Ministry of Interior of Kazakhstan, it is believed that the inauguration will be held in October or November in order to allow for the renovation of CARICC's building, which was started on August 20.

¶3. (SBU) UNODC Executive Director Antonio Maria Costa will attend the inauguration of CARICC. According to UNODC, a visit to Kazakhstan by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has been proposed for late October or early November and he might also attend the inauguration if scheduling allows.

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